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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: September 2016 Bi-Monthly Progress Report  
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site  
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – During July and August 2016, the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
  - From August 29 to August 31, 2016, fourteen soil borings were completed in the vicinity of the North and South Tank Farms and driveway area. A total of 43 soil samples were collected, not including quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) samples.
  - Validation of data collected during the June 27 to June 29, 2016 field mobilization was conducted per the requirements of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
  - Submittal (and EPA acceptance) of Work Plan Refinement/Modification Notice (WRN) AOI-1-2, dated August 19, 2016, for additional activities related to (1) delineation of a reported historical pit containing arsenic-impacted soils using geophysical methods, (2) hand-probing and digging to evaluate the potential presence of a historical underground vault on the western side of the warehouse, and (3) background soil sampling.
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – Data from the June 27 to June 29, 2016 mobilization have been validated and entered into a Microsoft Access database. A link to the electronic file of the database will be provided to the EPA with the email transmittal that contains this bi-monthly progress report. A sample location map will also be provided with the electronic database file.
3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:
  - Validation of data collected during the August 29 to August 31, 2016 field mobilization will be conducted per the requirements of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

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- The WRN AOI-1-2 activities involving delineation of the possible historic burial pit and the former vault will be performed.
  - Pending further discussion, background soil sampling may be performed within the next two months.
4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eric Pastor, P.E.  
Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
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